

UNIVERSITY BOARD FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

23/06 A meeting of the University Board for Research and Innovation was held on Monday 12 June 2023 at 11am in Committee Room 2, Whiteknights House.

Present

Dominik Zaum Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) (Chair)
Parveen Yaqoob Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation)
Carol Wagstaff, Research Director (Agriculture, Food and Health)
Adrian Bell, Research Director (Prosperity & Resilience)
Adrian Williams, Dean for Postgraduate Research Studies and Researcher Development
Daniella La Penna, Department of Languages and Culture Senate member
Stuart Hunt, University Librarian
Richard Frazier, Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences, Senate member
Anne-Marie Van Dodeweerd (Director of Research Services)
Oscar Mintop Education Officer (RUSU)
Nathan Helsby, Planning and Strategy Office [Secretary]

Apologies

John Gibbs, Research Director (Heritage & Creativity)
Mark Fellowes Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic Planning & Resource)
Mona Ashok, Business Informatics System and Accounting, ECR representative
Rahim Amin, Postgraduate Research Student Officer RUSU, Students Union representative

forthcoming promotions process to identify any issues and differences between TI and other promotion cases.

The Board also noted the proposed establishment of Directorates in professional services, which might affect the way that research support is delivered in the future. The Chairs acknowledged concerns, but reinforced that UCRI and UBS should continue to have strong input to ensure research priorities were not compromised.

23/17 Annual update on the Concordat for Researcher Development [item 8c]

The Board noted the contents and endorsed the University's Annual report on the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers for approval by Senate, subject to the following suggested changes

- The report to UKRI included references to 'Independent research'. The Board queried whether that was the REF definition or something broader. Generally, there were references to research staff/researchers/ECR and it might be helpful to define populations in the document
- There could be reference to the ongoing research culture work being undertaken by HBS (making use of the Research England research culture allocation)
- In the section referring to the Terms and Conditions of Employment for Academic Staff, the Board queried the reference to 'the University's research culture strategy' and suggested that it should be 'the University's research culture strategy'.

- There was recognition that increased targets might necessitate further discussion with Heads of Schools around changes that might be required to help achieve stretching targets.

The Board approved the targets, subject to some further discussions with selected Divisions/Schools to confirm specific targets

23/20 Equality, Diversity and Inclusion data in research ea-7.7 (nq)-0.it5.5 (56D)-5.62 t9 (5.5 (5 t) (t)-41 D)6.4-

23/ 22 Summaries and minutes from reporting committee [item 11]

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Annex 1: University Board for Research and Innovation: ~~19~~ June 2023 meeting

Actions from 15 June 2022

22/33 Research Travel Grants

Research Travel Grant Subcommittee to develop a proposal for the use of the fund by research students studying at a distance

Status (June 2023): The Subcommittee noted UBRI's response at its last meeting in the summer term and will be revisiting the action during the course of 2023

Actions from 12 June 2023

23/14 Internal and Ringfenced funding to support research and innovation

University Librarian to prepare paper for UCRI on the current sector situation with Open Access and publisher arrangements.

